

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1028  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Hannah Smith upon winning the American Legion State of Tennessee Oratorical Contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Smith, a Senior at Portland High School, is one such noteworthy individual who is deserving of acknowledgement for her success in winning First Place in the American Legion State of Tennessee Oratorical Contest; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion sponsors this scholarship competition yearly on the local, state, and national levels, and the competitors develop speeches based on a theme dealing with American democracy; and

WHEREAS, Miss Smith articulated this year's theme of *The Importance of Voting* with eloquence in her speech, *A Government by the People*, she then had to deliver a three to five minute extemporaneous speech on a topic drawn by a member of the audience; and

WHEREAS, this victory marks Hannah's second State Oratorical Championship, and she will soon compete in the National Quarter-Finals; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence surely bodes well for her future success, as she plans to further her education on the collegiate level and then pursue a career in medicine; and

WHEREAS, Hannah's accomplishments serve as a great source of pride for her parents Steve and Susan Smith, her fellow classmates and the faculty and staff of Portland High School, and her community of Oak Grove; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Smith's meritorious accomplishment is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Miss Hannah Smith on her significant achievement of winning the American Legion State of Tennessee Oratorical Contest, and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in National competition and for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.